THE HON'BLE Ms. JUSTICE G. ROHINI

W.P.No.7760 OF 2005

ORDER:

This Writ Petition is filed aggrieved by the action of the respondents in continuing the Rowdy Sheet against the petitioner on the file of I Town and II Town Police Stations, Chittoor District from the year 1992 onwards.

The petitioner states that he hails from a respectful family and is doing business in jaggery for maintaining his family. It is stated that during the year 1987 he was falsely implicated in a criminal case. The said case was ultimately ended in acquittal. Thereafter, he was implicated in several other false cases. Basing on the same, the I Town and II Town Police have opened Rowdy Sheets against the petitioner during the year 1992. It is further stated that about 12 false cases have been registered against him during the years 1987 and 1992 and all the cases ended in acquittal after full-fledged trial by the end of the year 1994. Thereafter, no fresh case has been registered against him. However, the respondents are continuing the Rowdy Sheets opened against him. Hence, the Writ Petitioner contends that the respondents, without application of mind to the fact that the petitioner was not involved in any criminal case, are continuing Rowdy Sheets against him and the said action on the part of the respondents is arbitrary and illegal.

On behalf of the respondents, the Sub-Inspector of Police, I Town Police Station, Chittoor filed a counter-affidavit, in which, the fact that the petitioner was acquitted in all the criminal cases registered against him is not disputed. However, it is stated that due to his involvement in criminal cases it has become inevitable for the respondents to open Rowdy Sheets as per the Police Standing Orders. Thought the allegation made by the petitioner that he is being called to the Police Station frequently and he is being harassed has been denied, it is stated that the Rowdy Sheets opened against the petitioner will be subsisting till 31.12.2005.

I have heard the learned counsel for the petitioner.

Having regard to the facts and circumstances of the case, and keeping in view the

fact that the Rowdy Sheets opened against the petitioner are about to expire by the end of December, 2005, I deem it appropriate to dispose of the Writ Petition with a direction to the 1st respondent-Superintendent of Police, Chittoor, to review the case of the petitioner, keeping in view the fact that no criminal case is pending against him as on today, and no fresh cases have been registered after 1992, and to pass appropriate orders in accordance with the Standing Order No.742 of the A.P. Police Stating Orders, within a period of six weeks from the date of receipt of this order and to communicate the order thereof to the petitioner.

The Writ Petition is accordingly disposed of. No costs.

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5th October, 2005.

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05.10.2005

Between:

P. Babu Prasad. .. Petitioner.

And

Superintendent of Police, Chittoor

and two others. .. Respondents.